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December 3, 2019

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

The Honorable Jocelyn G. Boyd
Chief Clerk / Executive Director
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, SC 29210

Re: Application of Blue Granite Water Company for Approval to Adjust Its
Rate Schedules and Increase Rates - Docket No. 2019-290-WS

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Enclosed for filing are the proofs of publication and certifications of mailing for
the Revised Notice of Filing and Hearing and Prefile Testimony Deadlines as
follows:

- Proofs of Publication from *The State*, *The Post and Courier*, *The Greenville News*, *The Herald Fort Mill Times*, and *The Greenwood Index-Journal*;
- Affidavit of Mailing to all water distribution and sewer customers; and
- Certification of Mailing to the County and City Administrators.

Kind regards,

Sam Wellborn

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Enclosures

cc w/enc: Andrew M. Bateman, General Counsel, ORS (via email)
Alexander W. Knowles, Counsel, ORS (via email)
Christopher Huber, Counsel, ORS (via email)
Carri Grube Lybarker, S.C. Dept of Consumer Affairs (via email)
L. Becky Dover, S.C. Dept of Consumer Affairs (via email)
Laura P. Valtorta, Esquire (via email)
John J. Pringle, Jr., Esquire (via email)

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	0004443964	PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA CLERKS OFF

Attention: Toni Hawkins

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PO BOX 11449 (29211)
COLUMBIA, SC 29201

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA
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**REVISED NOTICE OF FILING AND
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(Notice for Newspaper)

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a hearing, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Regs.

State of South Carolina

County of Richland

I, Michelle Long, makes oath that the advertisement, was published in The State, a newspaper published in the City of Columbia, State and County aforesaid, in the issue(s) of

1 Insertion(s)

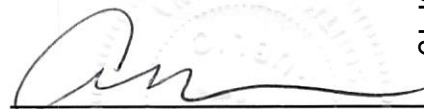
Published On:

November 02, 2019



Michelle Long
Inside Classified Accounts
Representative

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 12th day of November in the year of 2019



Amy L. Robbins
Notary Public for South Carolina
My Commission Expires:
November 27, 2022

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The Post and Courier

State of South Carolina

County of Charleston

Personally appeared before me the undersigned advertising clerk of the above indicated newspaper published in the city of Charleston, county and state aforesaid, who, being duly sworn, says that the advertisement of

(copy attached)

appeared in the issues of said newspaper on the following day(s):

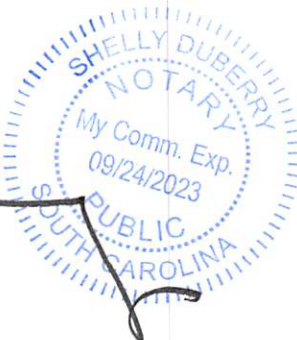
11/06/19 Wed PC
11/06/19 Wed CNW

at a cost of \$576.34
Account#
Order# 1833606
P.O. Number:

Subscribed and sworn to before
me this 6th day
of November
A.D. 2019

[Signature]
advertising clerk

NOTARY PUBLIC, SC
My commission expires



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Ad No: 0003877910

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Rate: Legal Rate

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Wednesday, November 6, 2019

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I, Anna Russell, being the Legal Advertising Agent for The Greenville News, do hereby testify that the attached legal ad was published on 204 lines for 1 consecutive weeks, as set forth above, in the Greenville News beginning on 11/6/2019 12:00:00AM and ending on 11/6/2019 12:00:00AM



Anna Russell
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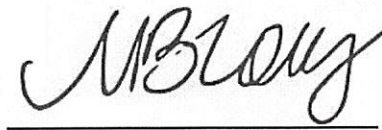
THE HERALD
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I, Michelle Long, makes oath that
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Rock Hill, York Co., S.C. for

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Published On:
 November 11, 2019



Michelle Long
 Inside Classified Accounts
 Representative

Sworn to and subscribed before me
 this 13th day of November, 2019



Amy L. Robbins
 Notary Public
 My Commission Expires:
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County of Greenwood, State of South Carolina

INDEX-JOURNAL

P.O. Box 1018,
Greenwood, South Carolina 29648
864-943-2509

I, **Tammy R. Farmer**, of lawful age, being duly sworn upon oath deposes and says that I am an authorized representative of the Index-Journal, a daily newspaper published in Greenwood County in the State of South Carolina. The attachment hereto contains a true and correct copy of what was published in the regular edition of said newspaper, and not in a supplement, in consecutive issues on the following dates:

Publication Dates: 11(6)2019


Tammy R. Farmer - Advertising Representative

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me

on this 6th day of November, 20 19




Cheryl P. Gurney, Notary Public

My Commission Expires: April 6, 2028

Robinson Gray Litigation + Business
PO Box 11449
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Publication Fee: \$320.96

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STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF SEMINOLE

Before me, the undersigned authority, authorized to administer oaths and take acknowledgments, personally appeared Renee Fulmer, who, after being duly sworn on oath, did depose on oath and say that she is the Billing Services Specialist of Utilities, Inc., the sole shareholder of Blue Granite Water Company ("Utility"), and on November 25, 2019, she did send by regular U.S. Mail, a copy of Customer Notice, attached hereto, to all customers in South Carolina.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.

Renee Fulmer

Print Name: Renee Fulmer

Print Title: Billing Specialist

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 25 day of November 2019 by Renee Fulmer, who is personally known to me or has produced _____ as identification.

Ann M. Raponi

Print Name: Ann M. Raponi

NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires: 7/12/21

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

CLERK'S OFFICE

REVISED NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING AND PREFILE TESTIMONY DEADLINES
(Notice to Customers)

DOCKET NO. 2019-290-WS

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WATER

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Each water customer will be assessed a monthly Storm Reserve Fund surcharge of \$0.53 until the Storm Reserve Fund has reached a balance of \$200,000. Thereafter, assessment of the Storm Reserve Fund surcharge will be suspended until such time as actual costs are incurred by the Company to restore service to customers after storms, at which point the surcharge will be reinstituted until the Storm Reserve Fund has reached a balance of \$200,000.

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1.5" meter	\$ 146.27 per unit	\$192.89 per unit

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Storm Reserve Fund Surcharge

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IN RE:)	
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Application of Blue Granite Water Company for Approval to Adjust Its Rate Schedules and Increase Rates)	CERTIFICATION OF MAILING TO COUNTY AND CITY ADMINISTRATORS
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This is to certify I, Toni Hawkins, a paralegal with the law firm of Robinson Gray Stepp & Laffitte, LLC, caused to be mailed on the 6th day of November, 2019, via First Class Mail, the **Revised Notice of Filing and Hearing and Prefile Testimony Deadlines** (Notice to Customers, filed October 24, 2019) to the County and City Administrators in each of the counties and cities where Blue Granite Water Company provides services.

Dated at Columbia, South Carolina this 3rd day of December, 2019.



 Toni C. Hawkins